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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN

OF

WESTHAMPTON

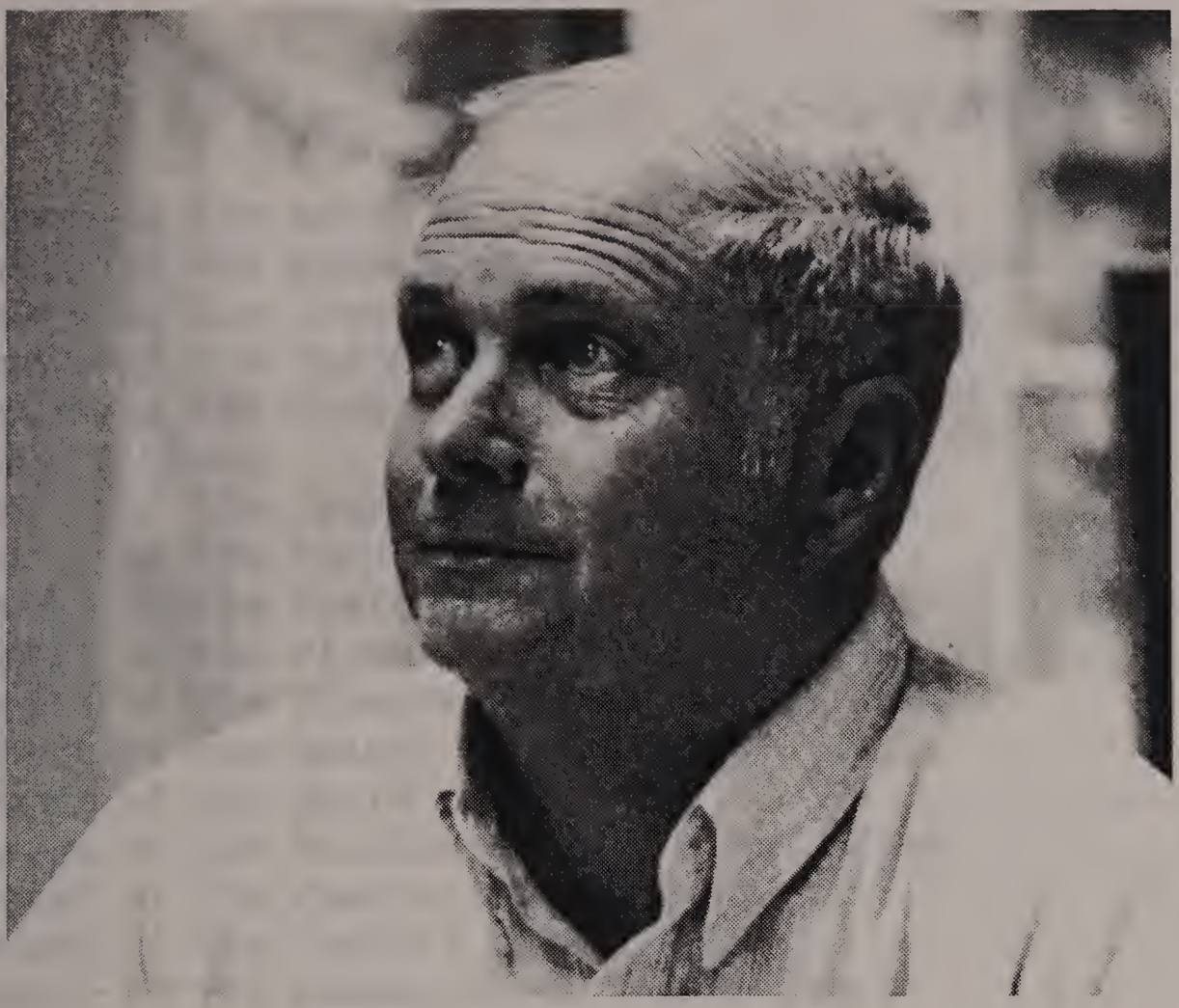
FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1991

JEANNE BRIDGMAN

This year's annual report is dedicated to a special Westhampton Couple, Jeanne and David Bridgman. They both retired in April from their elected positions. David was a Selectmen for 21 years, serving as chairman many times. Jeanne was the Town Clerk for 25 years, serving in numerous capacities relating to that position.

For three decades, the Bridgmans have served the townspeople in multiple positions. David served on the Recreation Committee for fifteen years, Finance Committee for fourteen years, Board of Health for nine years, and as a Hampshire County Commissioner for twelve years, an elected position that he still holds. In addition, he served as Fire Chief for nineteen years. Jeanne was an auditor for five years, a 4-H leader for eight years, and Chairwoman of the House numbers Committee for one year.



DAVID BRIDGMAN

At a testimonial dinner held at the Hotel Northampton in May, nearly 200 residents, area politicians, friends and family gathered to honor this special couple. They received many citations, plaques and gifts. It was a night flavored with humor and deep sentiment. Former State Senator and current U. S. Congressman John Olver, who has worked closely with the Bridgmans over the years, was one of several politicians to attend. He said, "Every little town has a couple that gives extraordinary service. The kind of work that Jeanne and David represent is a rare find."

On behalf of everyone in Westhampton, we extend our gratitude and best wishes to David and Jeanne Bridgman for their unselfish devotion to our town.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1991 has proved to be a challenging year for our town. During the year your Boards and Committees have worked exceptionally hard to maintain town services to the level of your expectations. This has been very demanding and, at times, very frustrating, but in the face of adversity our town has survived the grueling pace. Please accept the Board of Selectmen's gracious thanks for a job more than well done!

Our new Elementary School has had a successful start and we continue to give thanks to the School building Committee for their ongoing dedication to working out the finishing details.

Last January, the town contracted with a new law firm, Kopelman and Paige. The attorneys are quite knowledgeable in municipal law issues and have assisted us tremendously already. Unfortunately, there have been many legal issues this year involving the land taking for the new school and Board of Health issues resulting in a dramatic increase in expenditure for this account. As of the date of this writing, these cases are still in executive session pending resolution.

January also brought resignations from Dave Goddard as Chair of Finance, Dan Pascone from the Finance Committee, and Jennifer Geary as Town Hall custodian. We reluctantly accepted all. The current Chairman of the Finance Committee is Owen Bowman with Laurie Norris as a new member

of Finance. Our new custodian is Virginia Inman. The Board appointed Jim Tunstall to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board and later accepted Fran Loud's resignation from that Board.

The Board of Selectmen would like to remind townspeople that it was January of 1991 when we started working with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for authorization to use the HRHS water supply for town buildings. We deeply regret the inconvenience brought to the Westhampton Water Co. for our inability to get "timely" action by this state agency. We would also like to extend our gratitude for the many extensions granted to the town as we struggled with the problem. Now, one year later, we are awaiting final approval by DEP and expect construction of the system by spring.

In February 1991, the Board of Selectmen learned that Dave and Jeanne Bridgman would not seek re-election for Selectmen and Town Clerk respectively. We continue to miss their expertise and even-handedness in town government. Once again our town supported females in government and elected Diane Kwolek as Selectman. For the second time in Westhampton's history, two women serve on the Board concurrently. The Board reorganized with Lorraine Tunstall as Chair, Diane Kwolek as Clerk, and William McCloud as third member.

This year the Board of Selectmen has concentrated on improving communications between Boards and departments. We established monthly "All Boards Meetings"

and continue to bring efficiency and equity to our method of governing. The Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire departments have entered a preliminary agreement to become involved in a regional Emergency 911 response system. We are all in agreement that this system would improve early response, eliminate confusion as citizens call for help, and move us into the Twenty-first century for better communication in emergency situations. Details are still being developed.

As fiscal reality hit the Board, we reluctantly acknowledged the need to reduce the force of the Highway Department. After great debate and soul searching, a decision was reached to lay off one worker. The anguish was compounded by the lack of a systematic approach. It was this event that caused the Board to initiate an annual evaluation process for each town crew member. We aggressively reviewed other town's methods and adopted a thoughtful, but effective, approach tool that brought a degree of order to the process.

The Board also has worked diligently with the Board of Health in overseeing problem ares wherever possible within our domain. We have encouraged budget reform, careful projections and presentations for possible landfill closure, correction of faulty past practices, etc. The current Board of Health members have been very receptive to these suggestions and have attempted to rectify past problems. I suggest we continue to help restore credibility to a board plagued with criticism. A recall petition circulated

in September requesting the resignation of the Board of Health chair. The Board of Selectmen took no action on this as Westhampton does not have a recall provision in our bylaws.

John Grimes has taken over as Building Inpsector for the town. He took over the position with more than 100 incomplete permits. We would like to thank John for his patient efforts in trying to close these all out.

Throughout the fall, the Board worked on preparing a "Request for Proposal" for selling the old Center School. We entered the process of putting the property out for bid and anticipated opening bids mid January. We worked closely with the Hilltown Community Development Corporation in discussing their utilizing the building for senior/low income housing. By the end of December, it became clear that this proposal would not work out for the HCDC. We continue to search for possible solutions to offset the cost of operating two town buildings simultaneously.

Finally, the Board takes this opportunity to recognize one of the most important contributors to our town's operation, Margie Parsons. It is unlikely that townspeople really understand the daily commitment she makes. Her multiple roles of treasurer, accounting officer, selectmen's secretary and finance committee member are further burdened by countless additional meetings, seminars and classes to keep up with the changing rules of finance governing the operation of our town government. It is Margie that stays abreast of insurance changes,

procurement laws, Department of Revenue changes, etc. Being a quiet, unpretentious person, you will never hear Margie congratulate herself, so the Board of Selectmen is taking this opportunity to let you know how much she is appreciated.

As we complete another year, the Board of Selectmen would like to thank all town officers, board members, department members, committee members and volunteers for their countless hours of service to the town. We are all part of the "thousand points of light" plan, but the light grows weak without new commitment to help run our town. It is easy to be part of the problem, but much more gratifying to be part of the solution. Please contact any member of the Board of Selectmen to find out more about a committee or board that may interest you.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Tunstall
William McCloud
Diane Kwolek

REPORT OF THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

This is my third report under the Hampshire County Charter where each town is represented on the Board by a County Commissioner.

As a Commissioner, I continue to serve

on the following standing committees: Public Safety Municipal Advisory Committee; Regional Services Municipal Advisory Committee and the County Road Viewing and Hearing Sub-Committee.

The Public Safety Municipal Advisory Committee held numerous workshops on the new E-911, the Emergency Telephone Service, legislation. In particular, the County's Fire and Police Chiefs were introduced to the Berkshire and Franklin E-911 dispatching systems. Berkshire County operates a Countywide E-911 system, whereas Franklin uses a cooperative approach among its municipalities. The Hampshire County Commission has approved the use of the County's abandoned Nurse's Home at the Long Term Care Facility in Leeds for joint E-911 dispatching among the towns. As usual, the lack of monies will slow the effort of a shared E-911 dispatching system. This Committee also makes semi-annual inspections of the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction, as required by law.

Under the Regional Services Committee, our charge is to develop effective services to meet problems which cross city or town boundaries and which cannot be met effectively on an individual basis by our local municipalities. Current County regional services are purchasing, assistance with municipal road management, and employee health insurance. Future services under consideration include: a joint municipal county purchasing of liability insurance through a risk management advisor; a regional animal control facility program; a multi-municipality building inspection program;

health sanitation program; joint emergency medical services; and, loan sharing, which would allow municipalities to take out short-term loans.

There are many other services the County provides, two of which I would like to talk about in this report. One is the Hampshire County Human Service Department, which has provided planning, coordination, and capacity building of human services on behalf of the twenty municipalities in the County. Regardless of the size of each of our towns, its residents need accessible, integrated, appropriate, quality human services whenever the need arises. Hampshire County provides direct support totalling over $150,000 for services to some thirty private agencies and/or programs serving approximately 60,000 residents covering every one of the towns in the County. In Westhampton, eleven of the agencies reach 284 residents with County funding. This department has also secured grants to coordinate school systems, human service agencies, and the business community to better meet the needs of our County youth in a project called Hampshire Youth 2000. This program has worked with Hampshire Regional High School in the Business Mentor Caring Adult Program, which develops mentor relationships between business volunteers and students, as well as many more projects that have helped the staff and students at these schools. Hampshire Regional staff and students have attended the annual Youth 2000 Conference. The Human Services Department is part of a tri-county federal grant to develop prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse. Community development efforts are

underway in Westhampton to plan prevention strategies.

The other service which saves our communities money is the Hampshire County Purchasing Office. This office initiates, implements, and maintains cooperative purchases and contracts for the County's twenty municipalities, eleven school districts, and approximately fifty human service agencies. It is also responsible for the purchases of all immediate County departments. In Fiscal 1991, Hampshire County Purchasing extended its scope of services to include participants from all four Western Massachusetts Counties. Cooperative contracts exist for items ranging from bituminous concrete to school and office supplies. Three more notable programs that render incomparable savings for financially plagued school districts include the milk, bread and ice cream bid, monthly school lunch bid, and school furniture cooperative. The Town of Westhampton, through the County Purchasing Office, this year was involved in sixteen bids, which saved the town 15 to 25 percent.

The County has been hit with the same budget restraints as the towns, but Hampshire County is a strong County with many vital regional programs instituted to aid our communities. We will continue to strive to keep County Government alive and well.

David K. Bridgman
Westhampton County
Commissioner

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

GENERAL FUND	
Balance July 1, 1990	5394571.44
Receipts	2114137.23
Disbursements	-7235678.61
Balance June 30, 1991	273030.06
Cash on Hand	16.21
Bank of Boston	21784.99
Fleet Checking	4179.43
Fleet Money Market	54946.50
Bay Bank Now	1733.88
Bay Bank Capital	29620.06
Bay Bank Collateral	20539.72
Heritage NIS	785.87
Heritage Deputy Collector	3803.01
MMDT	98057.45
Shawmut	37562.94
Total	273030.06
TRUST FUNDS	
MMDT	
Charity	3415.56
Cemetery	3737.44
Veterans	1139.13
	8292.13
Stabilization Fund - MMDT	
Balance July 1, 1990	75437.41
Receipts	5615.96
Disbursements	0.00
Balance June 30, 1991	81053.37
Total All Funds	362375.56

Interest Earned $122,937.72.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Parsons
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Ending June 30, 1991

1979 Motor Vehicle		
Commitment	5.50	
Collected	-5.50	
Due		none
1983 Motor Vehicle		
Commitment	10.00	
Collected	-10.00	
Due		none
1987 Motor Vehicle		
Due 7/1/90	229.06	
Collected	- 6.25	
Due		222.81
1988 Motor Vehicle		
Due 7/1/90	708.24	
Collected	- 35.42	
Due		672.82
1989 Motor Vehicle		
Due 7/1/90	1,218.56	
Commit	+4,822.83	
Commit	+3,304.60	
Abated	- 65.00	
Collected	- 8,183.47	
Due		1,097.52
1990 Motor Vehicle		
Due 7/1/90	4,783.35	
Commit	+ 9,983.80	
Commit	+ 8,571.93	
Commit	+ 165.42	
Abated	- 710.32	

Collected	-21,124.48		
Refunded		629.15	
Due			1,669.70

1991 Motor Vehicle

Commit	34,806.25		
Commit	+ 9,658.90		
Abated	- 945.21		
Collected	-40,732.32		
Refunded		112.09	
Due			2,787.62

1989 Farm Animal

Due 7/1/90	37.50		
Collected	- 37.50		
Due			none

1990 Farm Animal

Commit	2,308.10		
Collected	-2,132.60		
Due			175.50

1991 Farm Animal

Commitment	2,556.00		
Due			2,556.00

FY89 Personal Property

Due 7/1/90	8.72		
Due			8.72

FY90 Personal Property

Due 7/1/90	1,696.65		
Collected	-1,597.50		
Due			99.15

FY91 Personal Property			
Due 7/1/90	14,489.31		
Abated	- 182.16		
Collected	- 12,147.57		
Refunded		115.92	
Due			2,159.58
FY89 Real Estate			
Due 7/1/90	70.77		
Overpayments	+ .08		
Collected	-70.85		
Due			none
FY90 Real Estate			
Due 7/1/90	37,887.02		
Tax Title	- 802.94		
Collected	-37,084.08		
Due			none
FY91 Real Estate			
Commit	1,102,586.47		
"	+ 529.13		
"	+ 1,379.94		
"	+ 91.37		
"	+ 106.50		
"	+ 2.76		
Overpayments	+ 281.67		
Abated	- 11,597.50		
Refunded		507.63	
Collected	-1,054,282.65		
Tax Title	- 1,656.00		
Due			37,441.69
FY90 Chapter 61A			
Due 7/1/90	311.10		
Collected	- 311.10		
Due			None
FY90 Chapter 61B			
Due 7/1/90	731.95		
Collected	- 731.95		
Due			None

FY91 Chapter 61		
Commit	1,166.10	
Collected	-1,166.10	
Due		None
FY91 Chapter 61A		
Commit	5,351.64	
Collected	-5,012.16	
Due		339.48
FY91 Chapter 61B		
Commit	5,492.40	
Collected	-5,492.40	
Due		None

Interest Collected FY91 $6,596.27

Charles Ognibene
Tax Collector

I have examined the records of the Tax Collector and to the best of my knowledge, I found them to be correct.

Evelyn D. Blakesley
Auditor

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTING OFFICER

July 1, 1990-June 30, 1991

Cash on Hand July 1, 1990		
General	5394571.44	
Stabilization	75437.41	
Trust Funds	8213.20	5478222.05
RECEIPTS		
Taxes		
Property	1134857.85	
Farm Animal Excise	2170.10	
In Lieu of Taxes	6448.74	
Motor Vehicle Excise	70146.19	
Tax Title	400.00	1214022.88
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
F90 Lottery	25488.00	
F90 Highway	10005.00	
F90 Chapter 70 School	74922.00	
Local Aid/Lottery	50977.00	
Loss of Taxes	4136.00	
Elections	180.00	
Chapter 71 Transportation	15719.00	
Chapter 70 School	60395.00	
Veterans Benefits	350.00	242172.00
Grants & Gifts		
Dog Refund	306.70	
Council On Aging Federal	760.00	
Council on Aging State	630.00	
Arts Lottery	2050.00	
Library Aid	1977.82	
Conservation Comm. Fund	375.00	
SBAB Reimbursement	253913.00	
Energy	242.30	

Playground Gift	13616.15	
Highway Gift	1641.00	
Historical Gift	16.21	
Town Hall	705.00	276233.18
General Government		
Licenses	603.00	
Plumbing Inspector Fees	1025.00	
Electrical Inspector Fees	1115.00	
Sanitation Inspector Fees	225.00	
Building Permits	3914.80	
Parking Tickets	45.00	
Assessors	153.75	
Planning Board	640.00	
Board of Appeals	156.00	
Miscellaneous	2316.17	10193.72
Police		
District Court Fines	3645.00	
Permits	828.00	
Sale of Cruiser	255.00	
Miscellaneous	24.00	
Revolving Fund	1052.00	
DARE	900.00	6704.00
Board of Health		
Licenses & Permits	225.00	
Perc Tests	4645.50	
Dump Fees	1237.78	
Dump Stickers	26256.00	32364.28
Revolving Funds		
Town Clerk Licenses	640.75	
Dog Care & Kill	30.00	
Fish & Game Fees	3033.25	
Town Clerk Fees	331.30	
Tax Collector Fees	2983.00	
Deputy Collector Fees	578.00	7596.30

Schools		
Chapter 1	8729.00	
School Improvement Coun.	201.00	
Integration Tech CII-901	976.00	
Math Internship	3900.00	
School Lunch State	696.55	
School Lunch Federal	3430.07	
School Lunch Sales	11400.04	29332.66
Highway Department		
Chapter 15	38112.30	
Miscellaneous	1863.00	39975.30
Interest		
On Deposit	116728.23	
On Taxes	6595.67	
On Charity Funds	246.01	
On Cemetery Funds	269.19	
On Veterans Trust	78.93	
On Stabilization	5615.96	129533.99
Agency		
Meals Tax	50.46	
Payroll Deductions	131603.35	131653.81
Refund	50.00	50.00
Total		2119832.12

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officer

Appropriation		20780.00
Expenditures		
Assessors	3200.00	
Selectmen	3200.00	
Town Clerk	1650.00	

Tax Collector	1650.00	
Treasurer	3000.00	
Accounting Officer	3000.00	
Moderator	150.00	
Auditor	90.00	
School Committee	480.00	
Board of Health	900.00	
Clerk, Board of Registrars	60.00	
Veterans Agent	550.00	
Building Inspector	392.00	
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	427.50	
Electrical Inspector	825.00	
Sanitation Inspector	330.00	19904.50
Balance Closed to Revenue		875.50

Counsel Fees

Appropriation	2500.00	2500.00
Expenditures		2500.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Selectmen Expense

Appropriation		4835.00
Expenditures		
Travel	929.95	
Dues	510.00	
Town Report	1157.00	
Advertising	352.28	
Copier Contract	295.00	
Supplies	1166.27	
Postage	261.00	4671.50
Balance closed to Revenue		163.50

Selectmen's Secretary

Appropriation		660.00

Salary		660.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Accounting Officer Expense

Appropriation		730.00
Expenditures:		
Computer Contract	250.00	
Supplies	145.81	
Dues	37.00	
Travel	152.45	585.26
Balance closed to Revenue		144.74

Assessor's Expense

Appropriation	2435.00	
Balance forward from f90	800.00	3235.00
Expenditures		
Registry Transfers	56.50	
Revaluation	942.00	
Computer contract	1375.00	
Dues	80.00	
Supplies	389.07	2842.57
Balance Closed to Revenue		392.43

Assessors' Secretary

Appropriation	905.00
Salary	653.00
Balance Closed to Revenue	252.00

Tax Mapping

Balance Forward from Fiscal 1990	10046.00
Carried forward to Fiscal 1992	10046.00

Treasurer's Expense

Appropriation		2110.00
Expenditures		
Computer contract	250.00	
Service charges	772.34	
Dues	35.00	
Travel	66.15	
Supplies	709.01	1832.50
Balance closed to Revenue		277.50

Tax Collector's Expense

Appropriation		1400.00
Expenditures		
Telephone	234.87	
Supplies & Postage	1036.97	
Dues	35.00	1306.84
Balance closed to Revenue		93.16

Town Clerk's Expense

Appropriation	1075.00	
State Election	180.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	779.00	2034.00
Expenditures		
Computer contract	100.00	
Election Officers	1177.56	
Census	275.00	
Supplies	269.45	
Dues	75.00	
Travel	16.10	1913.11
Balance closed to Revenue		120.89

Conservation Commission		
Appropriation	250.00	
From Conservation Fund	375.00	625.00
Expenditures:		
Supplies	139.61	
Dues	65.00	204.61
Carried forward to Fiscal 1991		375.00
Balance closed to Revenue		45.39
Planning Board		
Appropriation		50.00
Balance closed to Revenue		50.00
HIGHWAYS		
Highway Administration		
Appropriation		2150.00
Expenditures:		
Uniforms	1048.00	
Telephone	758.29	
Supplies	177.55	
Dues & Travel	166.14	2149.98
Balance closed to Revenue		0.02
Highway Salaries		
Appropriation		86500.00
Expenditures: Salary		81536.51
Balance closed to Revenue		4963.49
Holiday Pay		
Appropriation		2388.00
Expenditure		2388.00

Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Vacation Pay

Appropriation	3128.00	
Balance forward from Fiscal 1990	147.68	3275.68
Expenditure		2724.00
Balance closed to Revenue		551.68

Bridges & Railings

Appropriation		1.00
Balance closed to Revenue		1.00

Highway Materials

Appropriation		57000.00
Expenditures		
Surface materials	39700.00	
Catchbasin cleaning	4500.00	
Road sweeping	3200.00	
Engineering	442.50	
Roadside mowing	2450.00	
Other hired equipment	1082.50	
Supplies/materials	5619.62	56994.62
Balance closed to Revenue		5.38

Road Machinery

Appropriation		16000.00
Expenditures		
Repairs	2040.22	
Parts/supplies	13533.16	15573.38
Balance closed to Revenue		426.62

Road Machinery Fuel

Appropriation		9540.00

Expenditures: Fuel		9483.85
Balance closed to Revenue		56.15

Snow Removal

Appropriation		24000.00
Expenditures		
Salary	3065.95	
Salt	8749.94	
Winter Sand	7692.50	
Supplies/service	3233.41	22741.80
Balance closed to Revenue		1258.20

Road Machinery Buildings

Appropriation		2600.00
Expenditures		
Electricity	409.78	
Fuel	1547.94	
Supplies/service	642.17	2599.89
Balance closed to Revenue		0.11

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Hampshire Regional High School

Appropriation	347500.00	
Reduce Appropriation	-11869.00	335631.00
Expenditure: Assessment		335631.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Vocational Expenses

Appropriation	85890.00	
Transfer from HRHS	11869.00	97759.00
Expenditures		97421.82
Balance closed to Revenue		337.18

Center School

Appropriation	435000.00	
Balance forward from Fiscal 1990	3432.32	
Transfer from Free Cash	16619.00	455051.32
Expenditures		
See Elementary School Report	451976.72	
Transfer to Insurance & Bonds	1500.00	
Encumbered Salary	1347.64	454824.36
Balance closed to Revenue		226.96

School Building Committee

Carried forward from Fiscal 1990	2195.51
Carried forward to Fiscal 1992	2195.51

Center School Study Committee

Appropriation	600.00
Expenditure: Appraisal	500.00
Balance closed to Revenue	100.00

New School

Balance forward from Fiscal 1990	1539314.64
Expenditure: Project costs	1428138.53

Carried forward to Fiscal 1992		111176.11
	Library	
Appropriation	10807.77	
Dog Refund	386.23	
State Aid to Libraries	2104.52	13298.52
Expenditures		
Salary	7620.63	
Utilities & lawns	1343.56	
Books and supplies	4334.33	13298.52
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00
VETERANS		
	Veterans	
Appropriation		100.00
Expenditures		
Dues & travel		70.00
Balance closed to Revenue		30.00
	Memorial Day	
Appropriation		100.00
Expenditures		31.47
Balance closed to Revenue		68.53
CEMETERIES		
	Cemetery	
Appropriation		1600.00
Expenditure: Caretaker salary		1600.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Chief

Appropriation		825.00
Expenditure		825.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Police Department

Appropriation	15000.00	
Transfer from Free Cash	14755.00	29755.00
Expenditures		
Salary	8001.75	
Mileage	272.54	
Dues/travel	409.76	
Utilities	446.78	
WMLEC	125.00	
Repeater Agreement	316.00	
Dispatch Agreement	2500.00	
Equipment/Supplies	2553.00	
Repairs/Maintenance	380.70	
Cruiser	14730.00	29735.53
Balance closed to Revenue		19.47
Carried forward to Fiscal 1991		5782.70

Constable

Appropriation	1.00
Balance closed to Revenue	1.00

Police Radios

Transfer from Free Cash	1600.00

Expenditure: radios		1600.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Fire Chief & Forest Warden

Appropriation		825.00
Expenditure		825.00
Balance		0.00

Fire Department

Appropriation		7250.00
Expenditures		
Amherst Dispatch	600.00	
Southampton Ambulance	3000.00	
Repairs	1808.90	
Supplies/Equipment	1820.03	
Dues	20.00	7248.93
Balance closed to Revenue		1.07

Shared Building Inspector

Appropriation	5874.00	
Transfer from Free Cash	3134.00	9008.00
Town of Goshen SBIP		9008.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Civil Defense

Appropriation	1.00
Balance Closed to Revenue	1.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation	1271.00

Balance closed to Revenue		1271.00
	Dutch Elm	
Appropriation		1.00
Balance closed to Revenue		1.00
	Water Testing RS	
Balance forward from Fiscal 1990		572.00
Balance closed to Revenue		572.00

HEALTH & SANITATION

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

Appropriation		3866.00
Expenditure: Assessment		3865.80
Balance closed to Revenue		0.20

Board of Health

Appropriation	14000.00	
Appropriation	5386.00	19386.00
Expenditures		
Salary	6002.88	
Landfill contract	3975.00	
Oil Removal	704.30	
Tire removal	350.00	
Removal of metal & recyclables	3591.00	
Supplies	212.01	
Grading	360.00	15195.19
Carried foward to Fiscal 1992		4000.00
Balance closed to Revenue		190.81

DEBT & INTEREST

Interest on Temporary Loans

Appropriation		8500.00
Transfer to Insurance & Bonds		6500.00
Balance closed to Revenue		2000.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Insurance & Bonds

Appropriation	42000.00	
Transfer from Temporary Interest	6500.00	
Transfer from Center School	1500.00	50000.00
Expenditures		
Workmen's Compensation	9852.04	
Property & Auto	31059.00	
Public Off./Police Liability	5356.00	
Fire Disability	1900.00	
Police Disability	526.00	
Bonds	787.50	49480.54
Balance closed to Revenue		519.46

Computer

Balance forward from Fiscal 1990		5782.70
Transfer to Town Hall		5000.00
Balance closed to Stabilization Fund		782.70

Town Hall

Appropriation	2800.00	
Balance forward from Fiscal 1990	1750.00	
Transfer from Computer	5000.00	
Transfer from Reserve	600.00	10150.00
Expenditures		
Salary	450.90	

Electricity	1909.67	
Telephone	439.63	
Fuel	4058.35	
Water testing	810.00	
Lawns	280.80	
Repairs & improvements	721.92	
Supplies	1472.78	10144.05
Balance closed to Revenue		5.95

Wells

Appropriation		10000.00
Carried forward to fiscal 1992		10000.00

Council on Aging

Appropriation		1165.00
Expenditure		
Church rental	135.00	
Dues	70.00	
Supplies/programs	960.00	1165.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Recreation

Appropriation		100.00
Balance closed to Revenue		100.00

Historical Commission

Appropriation	200.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	4.54	204.54
Expenditures		
Electricity	94.54	
Lawn mowing	110.00	204.54
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

County Retirement

Appropriation	16096.00
Expenditure	16096.00
Balance	0.00

Unemployment

Appropriation	3800.00
Expenditure	15.00
Balance closed to Revenue	3785.00

Group Insurance

Appropriation	50000.00
Expenditures	
Town's share	49896.75
Balance closed to Revenue	103.25

Mandatory Medicare

Appropriation	1200.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	650.00	1850.00
Expenditures		1850.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Land Damage

Appropriation	1.00	
Carried forward from Fiscal 1990	8428.90	8429.90
Expenditures		
Surveying	3500.00	
Easements	656.00	4156.00

Balance carried forward to Fiscal 1992		4200.00
Balance closed to Revenue		73.90

Reserve Fund

Appropriation		2500.00
Transfer to: Historical	4.54	
Medicare	650.00	
Town Hall	600.00	
Town Clerk Expense	779.00	2033.54
Balance closed to Revenue		466.46

NON APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

Tax Refunds		
Property Tax	905.22	
Motor Vehicle Excise	789.99	1695.21
Payroll Deductions		
Health Insurance	12223.45	
Life Insurance	104.18	
State & Federal Taxes	77718.18	
Medicare Tax	1899.41	
Retirement	45521.22	137466.44
School Revolving Funds & Grants		
School Lunch	14869.07	
Meals Tax	46.17	
School Improvement Council	78.65	
Integration Tech CII -901	745.42	
Chapter I	8706.20	24445.51
Special Revenue & Revolving Funds		
Highway		
Chapter 15	38255.25	
Arts Lottery	1450.00	
Arts Lottery PASS	500.00	
Council on Aging - State	666.89	
Council on Aging - Federal	704.79	

Fish & Game Fees	3033.25	
Dog Licenses to Hampshire Cty.	528.25	
Sale of Dog	6.00	
Police Revolving - HRHS	1084.00	
DARE	862.61	
Playground Gift	12338.50	
Historical Gift	51.00	
Town Hall Gift	415.53	
Cemetery Trust Interest	404.00	
Street & Wright Fund	220.63	
Tax Collector Fees	3248.00	
Deputy Collector Fees	578.00	
Town Clerk Fees	371.30	64718.00
Loans		
Firetruck	19108.00	
Loader	7416.50	
School	4208937.09	4235461.59
State & County Assessments		
Hampshire County Tax	2589.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	216.00	
Air Pollution	240.00	
Energy Grant	306.00	
STRAP Repayment	5000.00	
Pioneer Valley Planning	170.55	8521.55
Perc Test Refunds	125.00	125.00
Total Expenditures		7235678.61
Cash on Hand June 30, 1991		
General	273030.06	
Stabilization	81053.37	
Trust Funds	8292.13	
		362375.56

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Parsons
Accounting Officer

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1991

Cash	273030.06	Agency	
		Health Insurance	2335.25
Taxes		Life Insurance	20.61
Levy of 1991		Dog Licenses	112.50
Real Estate	39097.69		
Personal Property	2159.58	Grants & Gifts	
Chapter 61A	339.48	DARE	37.39
Levy of 1990		Council on Aging Federal	55.26
Personal Property	99.15	Council on Aging - State	14.43
Levy of 1989		Town Hall Gifts	354.68
Personal Property	8.72	Highway Gift	1641.00
		Playground Gift	1277.65
Tax Titles	2400.17	Off-Street Parking Grant	3530.00
		Arts Lottery	2523.00
		Energy Grant	503.30
Farm Animal Excise	2731.50	State Aid to Library	1971.82
		County Dog Refund	306.70
Forest Products	1530.81	Integration Tech CII-901	230.58
		Chapter I	542.33
Motor Vehicle Excise		School Impr. Council	122.35
Levy of 1991	2787.62		
1990	1668.70	Revolving Funds	
1989	1097.52	Police Department	158.00
1987	672.82	Conservation Fund	650.00
1986	222.81		
		Interest on Trusts	
		Street & Wright	11.61
		Thayer	856.81
Due from Comm Mass - Ch. 15	1160.16	Cemetery	703.51
		Revenues Reserved Until Collected	
Loans Authorized	962.00	Motor Vehicle Excise	6449.47
		Forest Products	1530.81
		Farm Excise	2731.50
School Lunch	45.88	Tax Title	2400.17
		Loans Authorized &	
		Unissued	962.00
Due from Stabilization Fund	10000.00	Premium on Sale of Bonds	1591.79

		Overlays Reserved for Abatement	
		1989	8.22
		1990	99.15
		1991	5096.79
		Appropriation Balances	
		Tax Maps	10046.00
		Conservation Commission	375.00
		Center School	1347.64
		School Building Comm.	2195.51
		New School	111176.11
		Board of Health Exp.	4000.00
		Wells	10000.00
		Land Damage	4200.00
		Surplus Revenue	157845.73
	340014.67		340014.67

BALANCE SHEET - TRUST, INVESTMENT AND DEBT

Trust & Investment Funds

Cash	89345.50	Street & Wright Fund	2400.54
		Thayer Fund	1015.01
		Cemetery	3737.45
		Stabilization	81053.37
		Veterans	1139.13
	89345.50		89345.50

Debt Accounts

Net Funded or Fixed Debt		Serial Loans	
Inside Debt Limit	3487000.00	Fire truck	17000.00
		School	3470000.00
	3487000.00		3487000.00

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1991

BIRTHS

January 10, 1991	Tyler Thomas Sypek, son of Jeanette (Therriault) Sypek and Thomas Stanley Sypek
January 25, 1991	Kaila Leigh Snape, daughter of Susan Marie (Sicard) Snape and Albert Dennis Snape
April 2, 1991	Matthew Austin Pichette, son of Margaret Mary (Tower) Pichette and Brian Edward Pichette
April 5, 1991	Luke Machias Dowling,son of Hilary Nolan and Philip Eugene Dowling
April 23 , 1991	Amanda Lee Cantin, daughter of Kimberly Ann Canton and Kevin Michael Balise
April 26, 1991	Kirsten Olympia Alexander,daughter of Karen Palma (Strom) Alexander and Thomas Edward Alexander
April 26, 1991	Thomas Edward Alexander Jr.,son of Karen Palma (Strom) Alexander and Thomas Edward Alexander
July 8, 1991	Danielle Elisabeth Dennett, daughter of Susan Marie (Thibeault) Pratt-Dennett and John Phillips Dennett

August 2, 1991	Chelsi Kathleen Fortier, daughter of Patricia Mae (Elliott) Fortier and William Francis Fortier
August 8, 1991	Justin Rudy Uhlig, son of Maureen Emily (Tomaskowicz) Uhlig and Frederick Matthew Uhlig
August 14, 1991	Dillon Thomas Zaengle, son of Tina Marie (Luse) Zaengle and William Thomas Zaengle
August 17, 1991	Shalli Aleeya Sherman, daughter of Linda Joyce Levine-Sherman and Barry Scott Sherman
August 18, 1991	Nicholas John Barbieri, Son of Katherine Mary (Boudreau) Barbieri and Kevin C. Barbieri
September 1, 1991	Madeline Kraemer McPherson, daughter of Elizabeth Ann (Kraemer) McPherson and Kevin James McPherson
September 24, 1991	Jason Eliot Bahre Jr., son of Suzanne Louise (Theroux) Redfern
October 25, 1991	Kerri Ann LaBerge, daughter of Beth Anne (Graham) LaBerge and James Lester LaBerge

MARRIAGES

April 6, 1991	David Lester Ingraham of Leeds and Lori Jean Blow of Leeds
April 27, 1991	Gary Putnam Burt of Westhampton and Susan Marilyn Fuller of Westhampton
September 21, 1991	Robert Michael Healey of River Vale, NJ and Erlene Rae LaFrance of Oakland, NJ

September 21, 1991	John Terrell Bennett III of Ashfield and Katherine Jean Montague of Ashfield
October 12, 1991	Enace J. Lococo, Jr. of Westhampton and Suzanne M. Eichhorn of Westhampton
November 9, 1991	David Albert Brakey of Westhampton and Tammy Lee Witherell

DEATHS

January 5, 1991	Delvina Barrett	87
March 10, 1991	Archie Feliz Ducharme	85
September 15, 1991	Dorothy Johnston	63

DOG LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

58 Male	@ 3.00	174.00
6 Female	6.00	36.00
75 Sp. Females	3.00	225.00
3 Kennel	10.00	30.00
2 Kennel	25.00	50.00
3 Kennel	50.00	150.00
Paid to Treasurer		665.00
147 Fees Paid to Town Clerk @ .75 ea.		110.25

FEES

Clerk's Fees	280.50
Zoning Board of Appeals Hearings	122.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
Paid to Treasurer	$412.50

FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSES
Licenses Issued:

51	Resident Fishing	12.50	637.50
4	Minor Fishing	6.50	26.00
3	Resident Fishing	6.25	18.75
1	Resident Alien Fishing	14.50	14.50
2	Non-Resident Fishing	17.50	35.00
8	Resident Citizen Hunting	12.50	100.00
4	Non-Res. Big Game Hunting	48.50	194.00
35	Res. Citizen Sporting	19.50	682.50
3	Res. Sporting Age 65-69	9.75	29.25
10	Res. Sporting Over 70	Free	------
1	Duplicate Sporting	2.00	2.00
38	Archery/Prim. Firearms	5.10	193.80
3	Waterfowl Stamps	5.00	15.00
103	Wildlands Cons. Stamps Res.	5.00	515.00
3	Wildlands Cons St. non-res	5.00	15.00
			2478.30

Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife		2418.25
Clerk's Fees	179 @ .50	55.50
	3 @ .25	.75
	38 @ .10	3.80
		2478.30

Westhampton's population as of January 1, 1991 -- 1393

Number of Registered Voters:

Democrats	119
Republicans	95
Independents	634
Total	848

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Clark
Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them to be correct.

Evelyn D. Blakesley
Auditor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

1991 has once again been a very busy year for the Board of Assessors. Buddy Nevins has spent a considerable amount of time entering Chapter 59 Real Estate, all land and resident records for Pine Island Lake and Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B data on the computer. Personal property remains to be entered. In total, at this time, there are now in excess of 2500 separate data records that have been entered into the computer.

In 1991 we issued 89 abatements: 68 motor vehicle, 12 Real Estate, and 9 personal property; visited 61 properties undergoing construction or remodeling; recorded 70 property transfers; and approved placing 6 additional parcels under the protection of Chapter 61, 61A or 61B with 8 waiting to go under in FY93.

The FY92 revaluation was done using CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal). It was done internally rather than an outside firm at a savings to the Town of approximately $30,000. The reval could not proceed until all the previously mentioned data had been entered, which resulted in the delay of the tax bills. Providing that we are able to maintain the data on a timely basis, the FY95 reval should be completed within a normal schedule. If it is not maintained, the FY95 reval will be a repeat of the FY92 reval. As a result of this reval, the Board of Assessors will be required by Massachusetts Department of Revenue to visit 1/3 of all residences in town each year.

The town value for FY92 is $112,107,114; personal property $2,271,714; exempt $20,374.061. The tax rate was set in March of 1992 at $12.80 per $1000.00 of evaluation.

The growing complexities of state regulations at the same time as the state's Division of Local Services was undergoing personnel cutbacks, has made this board's function extremely difficult. If it were not for the cooperation of other town officials and the people of Westhampton in general, our job would all but be impossible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Babcock, Chairman
Paul (Buddy) Nevins, Jr.
Andrew Klyman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board conducted the following hearings in 1991:

Case # 86 - Petition of Laurel Collins, 127 Northwest Road, for a Variance to create a building lot with less than 250 feet of frontage. Petition denied.

Case # 87 - Petition of M. Owen Bowman and Carolyn Keating, 27 Stage Road, for a Special Permit to add a dormer to an existing garage. Petition granted.

Case #88 - Petition of Robert C. Fox, Jr., 79 Stage Road, for a Variance to construct a new residence to replace existing structures. Petition granted.

In addition, the Board held a reorganizational meeting on October 8, 1991, as a result of the resignation of Jennifer Geary. Marilyn Cervelli was elected to fill the vacant clerk's position.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Cervelli, Clerk
John Shaw, Chairman
Nancy Bouthilette
Dan Bishop
Philip Dowling
Peter Ignatovich
Peter Montague

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has been operating with only four members since the resignation last year of its chairman, Francis Loud, David Huntley accepted that post and is currently chairing. Peter Dellert, James Tunstall and Eleanor Miller are board members. We would welcome a volunteer to join us.

Meetings have been held as usual the second Tuesday of the month for routine business,. In addition, the board has met many extra Tuesdays to finalize the Zoning by-laws which will be presented to the town for action this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Miller, Clerk

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

As of January 1, 1991 the Finance Committee was made up of:

Bradford Morse	1992
H. Davis Goddard, Chairman	1992
Paul Nevins	1991
Carlton Kelley	1991
Peter Ignatovich	1991
Margaret Parsons	1991
Lydia Omasta, Secretary	1990
Owen Bowman	1993
Daniel Pascone	1993
Charles F. Inman	1993

Mr. Goddard resigned as Chair and Mr. Morse was elected to replace him. Mrs. Omasta resigned in March, 1991 and the Selectmen appointed Robert Fleischner to replace her. He was elected Secretary. At elections in April, Janice Tracy, Charles W. Inman, and Laurie Norris were newly elected to the Committee, replacing Mr. Pascone, Mr. Kelley and Mr. Nevins. At an organizational meeting, Mr. Bowman was elected Chairman of the Committee and Mr. Fleischner, Secretary.

The following Reserve Fund transfers were made in Fiscal 1991:

Historical	4.54
Medicare	650.00
Town Clerk Expense	779.00
Town Hall	600.00
Total	2033.54

The Finance Committee worked throughout the year, particularly in the late Winter and early Spring, to present to the Town a reasonable budget which reflected both the Town's difficult financial situation, caused in part by reductions in State aid, and the needs of the various departments which serve the people of Westhampton.

Robert D. Fleischner, Secretary

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The annual Farm Animal Census has been completed as required by the State Department of Animal Health.

The results are as follows:

Cows	246
Heifers	90
Calves	82
Bulls	2
Beef Heifers	7
Beef Steers	1
Horses	80
Ponies	7
Donkeys	1
Sheep	28
Goats	8
Oxen	4
Poultry	46
Fowl	122
Swine	2
Turkey	1
Pheasant	2

All animals are healthy and well cared for. Animals imported from out of state have been inspected as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard I. Tracy
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Westhampton Board of Health continues to meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

This year the Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Tim Maginnis and Dave Cole. Mr. Maginnis served for 10 years as an important and productive member of the Board. The Board of Health wishes to welcome two newly elected members, Mary Powers and John Sackrey.

This year was especially active and we conducted the following inspections and issued the following license:

- Outlook Farm — Retail Food
- Windy Acres Campground — Campground

Also - Issued eleven septic installers disposal permits.

- Approved five plans for new septic and leach field systems.
- Witnessed 21 perc tests with six failing Title V requirements.
- Sponsored a flu clinic. Margaret Kelley, R.N., administered injections.
- A septic tank pump-out was conducted in the fall. Joseph Misterka was low bidder.

- The Board retained Jim Gracia, P.E. to do the state mandated re-permitting of the landfill. Re-permitting is due by July 1, 1992.
- 310 landfill stickers were sold at $75/sticker.

Special thanks go to Arnold Holt, Roscoe Hurd, and Jeff Nehring for their continued efforts and diligence at he landfill. Also, thanks to Phil Dowling and Rick Tracy for their interest and involvement in solid waste disposal issues. The Board continues to work with the Hilltown Resource Management Program regarding recycling updates and landfill closure information.

Board member Cynthia Mazzolini announced her decision not to run for re-election in April. The Board wishes to thank her for her three years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Mazzolini
Mary Powers
John H. Sackrey

REPORT OF THE HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington make up the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative. The HRMC is a unique organization created and funded by the member Towns to help them solve the complicated problems associated with waste disposal. The HRMC, as part of it's charter, is directed to create a comprehensive waste management strategy and to implement this strategy on behalf of the eleven member Towns.

First and foremost, this strategy involves the recycling of as many materials as possible, including paper, cardboard, glass bottles, metal cans, and plastics. Secondly, the implementation of proper waste disposal methods for bulky waste, bulky metals, white goods, demolition debris, tires, household hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste composting, along with the disposal of everyday household trash which cannot be recycled. Third, a broad based public education program focusing on recycling and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). The program is designed to help make Hilltown area residents aware of what is and is not recyclable along with what HHW is, why it is so expensive to dispose of and what are safer alternatives that we can all use to avoid these dangerous products in the first place.

During the past year, January 1, 1991-December 31, 1991 the HRMC has been involved in at least 6 major efforts on behalf of the eleven member communities: These efforts were:

1) Household hazardous waste collection and education program. Started in November 1991, the HRMC sponsors and administrates a public education campaign to describe to Hilltown residents what Household Hazardous Waste is, why it is so expensive to dispose of, and what are safer alternative products. The second portion of this program will involve the collection of HHW from the 5 lucky households in each Town on or about Earthday, April 22, 1992.

2) Continued implementation of the HRMC's education programs and campaigns. The HRMC has been using an approach combining information outlets such as the schools, town meetings, the transfer stations, the local newspapers and, of course, word of mouth, to spread the word about recycling and proper waste disposal habits. The HRMC has prepared a number of informational handouts for residents and will continue to provide this service to all of the member communities during the upcoming year, especially considering HRMC's

Household Hazardous Waste Education and Collection program.

3) Continuing the HRMC's plastic container recycling program involves the recycling of plastic jugs. After the collection of #1PET and #2HDPE containers in your Town, the containers are hauled to the Williamsburg transfer station where they are sorted and baled for the benefit of all eleven member Towns. The HRMC then markets the plastic material for the Towns. Between 1/1/91 and 12/31/91 over 35 tons of plastic were recycled saving the Towns a combined $3500 in hauling and disposal costs, and earning the HRMC $2450 in revenues.

4) Continued monitoring of the eleven Town Recycling hauling bid. This involved hiring one hauler to transport recyclables to the Materials Recycling Facility in Springfield (MRF) for all eleven Towns combined. The original contract implementation ins spring 1990 saved each of the Towns a significant amount on their trash hauling fees and despite the unfortunate cutbacks in September 1991, the MRF continues to save each of the Towns a significant amount of money in avoided disposal costs (trash which gets recycled instead of being disposed of at the Northampton Regional Landfill). Overall approximately 100 tons goes to the MRF each month from all eleven member Towns combined (down from 115 tons before the changes at the MRF). This 100 tons represents an avoided cost savings of $5500 each month or $66,000 each year.

5) Monitoring and administration of the trash disposal contracts with the City of Northampton regional landfill now being used by ten of the HRMC member Communities. To date there have not been any significant problems and the combined effect of using a landfill closer to the Hilltowns, along with the lower hauling prices on the recyclables hauling contract, has helped to further reduce trash hauling fees in a significant fashion for all of the Towns. In total, 27520 tons (230 tons/month) of waste came in from the 10 HRMC communities to the City of Northampton

regional landfill at a total disposal cost of $149,600 during this past year. The price for disposal at the Northampton regional landfill was also reduced from $65 to $55 per Ton during this past year saving the Towns an additional $25,000 in disposal costs.

6) Continue the role of helping to provide stress relief for local Boards during these times of great fiscal uncertainty. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts disposal regulations are very complex and are changing all of the time. The HRMC Coordinator will continue to advise and work with the Towns as disposal related problems arise. These problems range in nature from siting new transfer stations, understanding the new landfill closure regulations, helping the Towns put out to bid contracts for trash hauling or the purchase of new equipment to be used at the transfer stations. Good communications between the Towns and the State, or any other regulatory body, is the key to helping get things done in a timely, cost efficient fashion, and the HRMC Coordinator is there for the Towns to use in this role, as they need.

A major goal of the HRMC is to help the Towns keep down long term solid waste disposal costs during the tough fiscal times ahead by organizing the solid waste disposal and recycling effort amongst the eleven member communities. During this past fiscal year, the Towns have all been able to stabilize their solid waste disposal budgets as a direct result of the actions and the leadership provided by the HRMC. Clearly, the best way to protect the environment, continue to save the member Towns money, and educate people in terms of proper and safe waste disposal habits is to work together. I thoroughly enjoy this job and assisting the HRMC member Communities. I look forward to the upcoming year with great promise and expectation. This is your cooperative and together we can make it work.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss, Coordinator

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY CARETAKER

The annual Cemetery Committee meeting was held at the church. The Committee regretfully accepted Mr. Phil Norris's resignation as president. Mr. John Warren was voted in as president. The Committee voted to purchase a new string trimmer from Burt Ford.

Although this was a slower year funeral-wise, mowing and trimming consumed most of my time. I installed a new roof and a new ramp on the cemetery shed. A water tank was set up as there will be no more running water once the "town water" is disconnected.

I would like to remind all lot owners that it is their responsibility for shrub maintenance. Any shrubs which are not maintained or have overgrown their lot may be subject to removal at the request of the cemetery commission. This past spring I was ordered to remove 6 shrubs.

Families who have lived in town for a period of five years or more are entitled to two free cemetery plots. Additional plots may be purchased for up to a maximum of six plots per family. Feel free to contact me to obtain cemetery plots.

In 1991, there were:

3 burials
4 new foundations
7 new lots

Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Fisher
Cemetery Caretaker

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging has had a year of growth in members from approximately 45 who attended monthly meetings to approximately 50 now attending. We have attempted to reach far more people by sending our bi-monthly Newsletter to every person sixty years of age or older who lives in the town, including over thirty summer residents at Pine Island Lake in our age group, and find many more are glad to learn of our activities and want to attend our late spring to early fall meetings.

We have enjoyed after-luncheon talks on health topics; on the latest changes in such things as Social Security, Medicare, at-home health and better-living aids from Government sponsored agencies such as Highland Valley Elder Services; Health Proxies and Living Wills, warnings against health frauds and insurance shams, and help in repairing and maintaining our homes; and on making our daily lives happier through listening to the popular music of our youth and early adult years.

We have held an increasingly popular flu-prevention inoculation clinic in October, serving both elders and younger adults afflicted with serious chronic conditions. Our nurse-Board member, Peg Kelley, also offers blood pressure readings to any elder before and after monthly meetings, thus alerting us to unexplained changes in our circulatory systems and giving us warnings to seek our physicians immediate advice if radical changes do occur.

Through a very successful pancake breakfast in November and the annual fish chowder and beef stew supper in the late winter, we have earned enough money to hire a sixteen piece dance band to play popular numbers from the 1930 - 1970 era for an appreciative audience of fellow townspeople aged two to ninety-plus; the band plays outdoors on the church steps to the large

audience seated on the town green in mid-July, the evening of the annual church Barbecue, a custom we hope to continue indefinitely.

We have continued our happy relationship with the local school by inviting Mrs. Piper's fourth grade class to be our luncheon guests in May, after which the children entertain us royally with dramatic skits, gymnastics and musical renditions by choruses and soloists. The Hampshire Regional Music Department students have again invited us to hear a special Christmas entertainment of vocal and instrumental music, followed by their serving a delicious, home-made lunch to approximately twenty-five members from each of the Hilltown Councils on Aging from the five member towns of the region. This proved to be an ever-more-desirable way to link the youth and those not-so-young in the hilltowns and is much appreciated by the latter.

We are grateful to all individuals and institutions, including the town, which make our program to aid the elderly possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Lawton, retiring
President of the Board
of the Westhampton COA

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 1991, Conservation Commission members Andrea Pichette and Maureen Dempsey left the board after many years of service. Their positions have been filled by Amy Phinney and Roy Van Driesche. For a second year, Tom Jenkins was elected chairman of the board and Phoebe Mitchell, secretary.

Board members reviewed six Requests for Determination and issued six Determinations of Applicability. It continued its efforts to educate residents about the nature and essential value of wetlands by publishing information in the Belltower. Members Bob LaPalme and Phoebe Mitchell attended the annual meeting of the Mass. Association of Conservation Commissions.

The board urges any one with questions about wetlands or the Wetland Protection Act to contact a member of the board or attend a meeting. The board meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Jenkins, Chairman
Phoebe Mitchell, Secretary
Bob La Palme
Amy Phinney
Roy Van Driesche

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 1990 the Police Department continued to provide the residents of Westhampton with professional and expedient service. As proven in recent year, the additional cruiser patrols have shown a decrease in property crimes and accidents. The Department continued its relationship with the Hampshire County Drug Task Force. Funding for investigations, equipment and additional officers can be utilized with this organization. 1990 was the first full year we used a 24-hour dispatch service through the Southampton Police Department. The service has been exceptional. All calls are handled professionally and expediently as well as providing the officers access to computer equipment and availability to assist in calling backup, ambulance

or tow truck, etc. The Police Department sponsored several safety classes at the Elementary School, including school bus, pedestrian and bicycle safety inspection and obstacle course. We also obtained funding to begin a DARE program which will being in January, 1991. The Officers all attended mandatory refresher training. The department was represented at monthly meetings of various police association.

Gun permit applications are taken on the 2nd Wednesday of each month between 6:00pm and 7:00pm at the Police office.

The following is a resume of calls for 1990:

Accidents	20
Fire/Ambulance assists	9
Arrests	15
Assistance	15
Housebreaks	6
Larceny	16
Burglar Alarms	50
Stolen Car/Plate	6
Animals Calls	66
Domestic	19
Drug Related	7
HRHS	5
Vandalism	25
Missing Persons	10
Harassing Calls	8
Vacation House Checks	17
Suspicious Cars/Persons	57
Trespass	22
Other Complaint	69
Summons	15
Warrants	4
Attempted suicide	1
Assault/battery	4
Attempted murder	1

Monies turned into town:

Court Fines	$4435.00
Parking Fines	45.00
Permits	788.00
Insurance Reports	48.00
Parking Fines	45.00

I wish to thank the Police Officers for their unselfish dedication to the town and to the Department. We will continue to serve the town to the best of our ability, and can do so with the continued support of the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Huntley
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Westhampton Fire Department had a fairly active year in 1991. Again our budget was cut at annual Town Meeting and that pretty well limits the purchase of any new equipment.

We did, however, have 32 truck runs including the busiest month in the history of the department. Between March 29th and April 17th, we had 17 different fire calls. That is a lot of activity when compared to normal.

Of the fire mutual aid calls which we received, two in particular required a lot of manpower. One was a large forest fire on Sylvester Road in Northampton and the other was a missing person search in Southampton. Mutual aid is a real necessity for small towns and we are glad to do our part.

The E.M.T.'s continued their fine service to the

town both in responding to emergencies and in providing training to townspeople. Our thanks also to the ambulance personnel from the Southampton Fire Department who cover our town.

1991 statistics are as follows:

Truck runs

Brush fires	13
Chimney fires	4
Automobile fires or accidents	4
First Responder calls (medical)	2
In-service calls	3
Mutual Aid	5
Search and Rescue	1
Total	32

E.M.T. responses

Trauma	14
Medical	21
Total	35

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Tracy
Fire Chief

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Calendar year 1991 was, for the most part, a year of retrenchment caused by the current economic crunch. Our department was reduced by one man as Jeffrey Nehring's position was eliminated at last year's annual meeting. Jeff had worked for the Town for 12 years and was well liked by all who knew him. We thank him for his efforts. Our Materials and Construction account was reduced by $21,000 as well, which was a 36% reduction. We had hoped the Transportation Bond Issue which was passed by the legislature would provide funds to fill

the gap, but this also was delayed by the bureaucracy until the end of November when we finally received our memorandum of agreement. At least that money will be available for the spring of 1992 and will be used to complete the intersection of Perry Hill Road and Kings Highway.

This degree of financial constriction meant we used the funds which were available only for serious problems, or for maintenance work which would spread the dollars the farthest. Basically, this means sealing road surfaces. Although we couldn't afford to shim and level the surface properly, we did put a sealing coat on Chesterfield Road (Northampton Town Line to Clapp Road), North Road (Hathaway Road to Stage Road), and all of Loudville Road.

Two good things did happen. First, it was so dry last summer that we were able to finish excavating that 100 foot portion of Edwards Road just north of Laurel Hill Road. We had cleared the trees from that area several years ago, but it was so wet we couldn't excavate the muck with our equipment, and we couldn't afford to hire it done by anyone else. That is just the kind of project we needed this year. We did the work ourselves and it didn't require large expenditures. That section will now be a lot less susceptible to being washed out during flooding and it has a good base that I'm sure future generations will someday bring up to a proper grade and pave.

The second good news was that our modified proposal for the intersection of Kings Highway and Reservoir Road, including replacement of the "skinny bridge", has been accepted by the State DPW. Construction is still some time away, but a design consultant has been hired to begin that part of the work.

Because of new homes on Hooker Road, we have had to upgrade part of that road. We were able to use gravel from there on Edwards Road and expect to use more on the Perry Hill intersection. This makes good efficiency and

saves money. Several more new homes are proposed for other unimproved roads and I'm sure at least some of them will come to fruition generating more of this type work.

We continue to maintain the Highway Department equipment in good condition and it serves us well.

During 1991 I have served as President of the Massachusetts Highway Association and this group is constantly working to have our Chapter 90 Gas Tax monies returned to the cities and towns. For four consecutive years, no towns have received this money. Any personal contact you may have with legislators could be beneficial toward restoring these funds. Don't pass up the opportunity!

Sincerely,

Richard W. Tracy
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

In 1990, I inspected 19 systems. Ten were total new systems which included tanks and leaching facilities. They were in new or existing homes. The other nine were repairs or replacements of tanks in existing homes. The new elementary school took a considerable amount of time for inspections and testing of the septic systems. Many of the systems at Pine Island Lake are being upgraded to today's standards.

Respectfully submitted,

Stillman G. Brooks
Sanitation Inspector

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Permits issued	20
New homes	3
Decks	6
Wood stoves	3
Chimney	1
Porch	1
Sun room	1
Storage shed	1
Barn	1
Bedroom dormer	1
Family room	1
Elevator shaft	1
Fees collected	$1031.10

Respectfully submitted,

John Grimes
Building Inspector
527-6851

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Forty-one (41) electrical permits were issued from January 1, 1991 through December 31,1991. The majority of these permits required two to three on-site visits and inspections. Of these permits, six were new homes, thirteen were additions, five were service upgrades, two were commercial, two were pools, and thirteen were miscellaneous electrical jobs.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Choiniere

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During 1990, this office received 40 requests for inspections.

There were 4 for new homes, 1 commercial, 12 for additions and remodeling, and 23 for gas piping.

The sum of $1595.00 was collected for permit and inspection fees. $1192.00 of the total collected was for plumbing permits and $403.00 was for gas piping permits.

A total of five inspections were conducted at the new elementary school throughout the year, four during the progress of construction and one final inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian E. Pichette
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

The Westhampton Arts Lottery Council this year provided funding for a variety of programs and projects relating to the arts. In 1991 the Council approved funding for a concert for the Council on Aging by singer Patty Carpenter; a research project by the Pioneer Valley Folklore Society on folklife in Western Massachusetts; and the printing of one issue of the Hampshire Regional High School student newspaper. In addition, the Council sponsored a highly successful "Celebration of the Arts" at the Westhampton Elementary School in October, where local artists, craftsmen and performers shared their talents with the community.

Karla Chapman joined the council as a member in April.

At the end of 1991, the Massachusetts Cultural Council announced a number of changes in the state's

Arts Lottery Program. One of these changes, unfortunately, significantly reduced funding to small towns like Westhampton. The most recent allocation from the MCC was $1000 annually, as opposed to $1500 the town had received in the previous year (that amount, too, had represented a significant reduction from previous allocations). In addition, the funds will now be allocated just once a year, instead of twice, to reduce the amount of administrative work required.

The Arts Lottery Council continues to invite applications from local residents who wish to pursue projects in the arts which are beneficial to the community. Contact the council chair for applications and deadline information.

Margot Cleary, Chair
Joanne Brooks
Carolyn Bruneau
James Chapman
Karla Chapman
Carol Klyman

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

Both the boys and girls of Westhampton enjoyed yet another year of sports such as soccer, basketball, softball, teeball and baseball all offered by the Southampton Youth Athletic Association.

Ed Hamel, along with some other Westhampton residents, brought several teams of soccer players to compete in the Easthampton Soccer League, this past fall. Also, Ed and Mary Hamel, through the 4-H, organized bike rides for the boys and girls on Tuesday nights during the summer. The rides were throughout Westhampton but did include routes to neighboring towns.

Adult volleyball as always is held at the Hampshire Regional School on the first Friday of the month, with a few months containing two nights play.

The Town Hall has been available for open basketball as well as pre-scheduled meetings for any resident.

Residents must contact Mark Thornhill or Dan Bridgman for use. A majority of people using the Hall must be Westhampton residents and at least one person must be eighteen or older. Any damage committed or noticed must be reported immediately to Dan or Mark immediately.

Lastly, the Recreation Commission, along with volunteers, tried to establish a skating rink behind the old school during the "90-91" winter season, but it was a failure. However, the "91-92" season will be a success.

The Recreation Commission would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped make the various programs in which our residents have participated very successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Thornhill, Chair
Margot Cleary
Daniel Bridgman

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

In April of 1991, I attended a Department of Environmental Management Dam Safety Awareness Seminar held in Northampton.

In August, I turned in a Radiological Instrument Test Set to the Mass. Civil Defense Agency and received a new one.

The role of the Civil Defense Director has changed over the years. Today's role deals more with emergency preparedness and response.

Stillman Brooks

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Westhampton Historical Commission was pleased to announce the completion of the new addition of the carriage shed behind the main museum. A grand opening was held on June 2, 1991 with cookies and lemonade served to all present. The carriage shed houses many large pieces of farm equipment. The Historical Commission thanks everyone who helped with support and donations to make the carriage shed possible.

The Blacksmith Shop Museum was open to the public on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. from June to September with members of the Historical Commission as hosts.

The Blacksmith Shop has been visited by many students and Cub Scouts needing historical requirements to fulfill various projects and badges. The Historical Commission is pleased to be able to aid in these projects.

The Historical Commission wishes to thank everyone who donated all the new items on display at the Museum.

A landscaping project is underway at the Blacksmith Shop by Cory Brastaad and crew as part of an Eagle Scout project. We look forward to the floral display to grace the Museum.

The Historical Commission also received several items from the Center School that are on display at the Museum.

The Commission members wish to thank the community for its support to the Museum and to the preservation of the history of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Jurkowski, Secretary

REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Circulation was up 8% this year at the Westhampton Memorial Library with almost 12,000 items borrowed by our patrons. It is significant that 56% of the circulation is children's materials.

In a perfect example of quid pro quo, the town funded us at the level required to receive grant money. The library trustees, in turn, made a generous offsetting contribution to the town coffers. In response to the preceding fiscal situation, the Friends of the Westhampton Memorial Library were reactivated and initiated various fundraisers.

Qualification for state grant money enables our townspeople to obtain borrowing privileges at other libraries and qualifies our library for membership in the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System (WMRLS). This membership provides us with bimonthly bookmobile visits, interlibrary loans (doubled this year), telephone reference, and professional advisory services, workshops and meetings. WMRLS this year also provided is with a much needed card catalog which was no longer needed by a larger library.

A donation from the Easthampton Rotary Club enabled us to receive a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. We were awarded a sixty-volume set of The Library of America, a collected works of America's foremost authors.

The Children's Department is taking on a new look. The color-coding system that we started in December '90 is nearing completion. It will serve to help patrons locate books according to reading level, as each level is assigned a different color on the lower spines of the

books. Funds for this project come from a special trustee account so as not to reduce the services offered in this department. Spurred on by this project, we have used donations from the Easthampton Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs to add many exciting new books to the children's nonfiction collection, which has been weeded of well-worn, outdated books.

A weekly story hour continues to be well-attended. We are pleased to see parents take advantage of this offering since it has been found that children benefit from being read to by a variety of adults. This program is geared to the 3-5 year olds.

The Summer Reading Program was again offered with the help of WMRLS, who supplied us with materials for promoting the theme "Magic". In addition, the Friends generously funded the magician, Michael Wald, who gave a hands-on workshop as well as the performance at the close of the summer program. Several townspeople offered to read to the children after the weekly film programs, which gave the children a choice of listening or working on a craft. A fun day for the younger children was sponsored by some volunteer parents as well. The Friends supplied materials and prizes throughout the program.

The Westhampton Elementary School continues to have a need for books from our library on a loan basis. We choose books for all levels and from all genre and transport them bimonthly to the school. This system started last year, was successful and effective, and so has continued. Special requests from teachers for specific units are also filled on a regular basis. All students continue to be offered free copy service for school-related research at the library.

We thank our volunteers for their hours of valuable service and all of those who have given us gifts of materials and money. As a small library in a small town, we cannot function without the dedication of these

friends. We hope to see many new patrons in 1992, and are always open to suggestions from all.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Keating, Director
Diane Kwolek, Children's Librarian

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991

TOWN ACCOUNT

Income July 1 - June 30, 1991		
Town Appropriation	10807.77	
Dog Refund	386.23	
Voted-Town Appropriation	11194.00	
LIG	1200.00	
MEG	729.52	
Additional Aid to Libraries	119.00	
	2098.52	
Total Library Budget	13292.52	
Expenditures July 1, 1990- June 30 ,1991		
Books	2948.04	
Magazines	538.96	
Supplies	318.94	
Director	5284.25	
Children's Librarian	1595.00	
Sub Librarian	382.51	
Fuel	499.57	
Telephone	199.66	
Electric	672.69	
Maintenance	801.65	
Computer	-	
Dues/Meetings	51.25	
Total Expenditures	13292.52	
No balance on June 30, 1991		

Westhampton Memorial Library 1990-1991

Trustee's Account

Balance June 30, 1990		
Easthampton Savings 01-21-5326		6719.22
Easthampton Savings Term Certificate		10000.00
Florence NOW Account		2216.23
Florence Savings - special acct.		596.90
Balance July 1, 1991		19532.35

Income - per cash book July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Combustion Engineering(trees)	104.00	
Cash - copier	55.00	
Friends -Summer Program	225.00	
Video Account	205.00	
Copies -Mary Turner	14.00	
Lost Books M. St. Germaine	10.00	
Eliz. Webster	10.00	
R. Merrington	26.61	
Memorial Gifts-H.P. Miller	112.76	
Gifts-Dr. Caldwell	25.00	
Easthampton Rotary	800.00	
Fred Worm Estate	9050.00	
Income	10637.37	

Trustees Account

Interest Income

Florence NOW Account	103.31	
Florence Special Account	33.59	
Easthampton Term Cert.	845.46	
Easthampton 01-21-5326	491.14	
Worm-Money Market Acct.	127.33	
Worm - cert.	197.43	
Interest	1798.26	
Total Income-Balance forward		19532.35
Income		10637.37
Interest		1798.26
		31967.98

Expenditures

Books		1224.05
Supplies		126.94

Misc. Gifts	220.00
Computer	-
Equipment	67.39
Maintenance	642.27
Summer Program	225.00
Meetings/Dues	36.44
Video Account	182.33
Misc.-Friends	307.00
Petty Cash Account	75.00
Friends Transfer	100.00
Checks Printed	8.25
Total Expenditures	3214.67
Balance June 30, 1991	28753.31

Cash Book Balance June 30, 1991

Easthampton Savings Cert.	10355.28
Easthampton Sav. Money Mkt.	10000.00
Florence Savings NOW	588.24
Florence Savings Special acct.	630.57
Worm -Certificate	5197.43
Worm- Money Market	4177.33
Balance	28753.31

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Special Memorial - Adah Green etc.

Balance in Florence account	367.87
Interest July 1 thru June 30	20.75
Balance June 30, 1991	388.62

We received a special gift from the Easthampton Rotary of $800.00. The money was allocated as follows:

The Library of America	350.00
Special book purchase	450.00
	800.00

We applied for a grant through the Mellon Foundation to update our Classics. One of the qualifications was a gift from a non-profit organization and this gift from the Rotary made it possible. The $350.00 was forwarded to the Library of America.

Many non-profit groups in this area were bequest money from the Fred Worm estate. The discretion of the money was left to the executor of the estate.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Miller
Trustee-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Officers this year are: Thomas Cleary, chairman, Administrative Advisory Representative; Carolyn Keating, Regional School Representative; Michele Nevins, Secretary, and Building Committee Representative.

This year the School Committee was faced with the task of deciding how to offer a sound educational program in times of economic uncertainty. After much consideration, the final budget figure that was presented at Town Meeting was $457,000., well below our original proposed budget of $507,326. It was clear that this would mean the loss of the art, music and physical education programs and the Committee regretfully terminated the employment of Martha Cycz, music teacher; Patricia Barnard, art teacher; and Michael Korpita, physical education teacher. In addition, drastic cuts were made in other areas, such as supplies, field trips, etc. Fortunately, to fill in the gaps, the Gatherings Committee was able to plan seven different programs, from January through May, some of which were open to the general public.

April was an eventful month. The community turned out in force one sunny weekend and a playground was

born. Many thanks to Ed Hamel and his crew and everyone who helped with the planning and building, providing childcare and food. A special thank you to the Playground Committee who worked long and hard to see this goal realized.

Mrs. Joan Wickman, who was instrumental in organizing the new school library with the help of Lyn Keating, ended her administrative internship in March 1991 and became our preschool teacher in September. The integrated preschool is an afternoon program and is funded solely by tuition and grants. The Committee hired the following preschool personnel: Sherri Marti, Speech and Language Teacher; Laura Bean, Instructional Aide and Julie Culhane, Program Administrator. The Committee also hired Susan Harrison as a first grade

Teacher's Aide. After accepting Mary Montague's resignation as School Nurse, Barbara Midura of Southampton was hired for this four hour a week position. The Committee also accepted, with regret, the resignation of Eleanor Scott, who has worked for the school for over 30 years. She will be missed by many.

In other business, the Committee voted to provide an extended day for kindergartners, on a tuitioned basis. Eleven children signed up to participate and the projected revenue from this program is approximately $9,000. Effective October 1, 1991, the school had a total enrollment of 161 children, including the preschoolers. The teachers have spent some time on revising the report cards and since the revisions were not complete at the end of the first school quarter, the Committee approved an extended twenty minute parent/teacher conference instead of a written report. The Committee also decided to table a decision regarding the Schools of Choice issue and declined an offer from Southampton to regionalize grades kindergarten through sixth. We were pleased to be able to rehire Michael Korpita one day a week as physical education teacher. In response to a request from the staff, the Committee

voted to add four extra curriculum half-days to the calendar, so that the staff could plan and carry out a school wide activity.

In November 1991, in response to a request from the staff, the Committee voted to participate in a free election supervised by the Massachusetts Labor Relations Board for the purpose of defining a bargaining unit. The final details regarding the teachers' union will probably not be complete until the spring of 1992.

The School Committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the parents and community members who helped in the school this past year, and to a very dedicated staff and administration for providing a quality education for Westhampton under less than ideal conditions. We appreciate your time and devotion. A special thank you goes to Robbie Merrington for her expert direction of "Really Rosie." That's another moment in Westhampton history that will be long remembered.

The Westhampton School Committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month, at 7:30, in the Planning Room at the Westhampton Elementary School. Anyone having questions or concerns regarding school matters is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Cleary
Carolyn Keating
Michele Nevins

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Elementary and secondary schools in Massachusetts are about to embark on a new and exciting challenge designed to reshape the future of education in the

Commonwealth by bringing about statewide, systemic improvements. The Educational Excellence and Accountability Act presently being debated by the Legislature and Administration deals with issues of academics, accountability, governance, finance, early childhood education and linages between the schools and the world of work.

The Act will address a curriculum framework for effective teaching and learning supported by tough, measurable standards. Increased levels of instructional ability will be distinguished by provisional, professional, head and master teachers. Professional development and training of teachers will be recognized as an important function of the school.

The management of the school will follow a school based management model. The principal will become the chief operating officer and instructional leader and will manage the school in an open and collaborative manner with teachers, parents and citizens through an on-site School Council.

The Act will attempt to provide a fair and equitable financing plan by increasing the State's share of educational costs, lessening the disparities of economic differences between communities.

The Educational Reform Act appears to be a radical revolution in schooling and not another attempt at fiddling with education reform. All aspects of schooling are being considered.

The passage of this Act is a comprehensive approach to educational reform and deserves consideration by everyone in the Commonwealth.

Richard Dragon
Superintendent

WESTHAMPTON
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

GRADE	1989	1990	1991
Pre School	19	0	15
K	21	24	24
1	15	17	25
2	19	23	19
3	16	18	22
4	21	16	18
5	21	19	17
6	21	19	21
TOTAL FOR WESTHAMPTON SCHOOLS	132	136	161
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS	13	17	13+1
TOTAL UNDER WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE	145	153	174+1
TOTAL UNDER HR SCHOOL COMM	104	99	109
TOTAL IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	249	252	283

Personnel who left the employ of the District in 1991 include:

Patricia Barnard	Art
Martha Cycz	Music

Personnel newly employed during 1991 include:

Joan Wickman	Teacher
Sherrie Marti	Speech

WESTHAMPTON FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1990 -June 30, 1991

Elementary Appropriations	$435,000.00
89-90 Encumbrances	3,432.32
Transferred 9/10/90 Special Town Meeting	16,619.00
	$455,051.32
Reduced at 2/14/92 Special Town Meeting	- 1,500.00
	$453,551.32
Expended Elementary Appropriations	$448,550.00
Expended 89-90 Encumbrances	11,869.00
90-91 Encumbrances-payroll	1,347.64
	$453,329.96
Balance Elementary Appropriations	221.36
Vocational Tuition Appropriations	$ 78,940.00
Transferred 9/10/90 Special Town Meeting	11,869.00
	$ 90,809.00
Expended Tuition	$ 90,472.02
Balance Vocational Tuition	$ 336.98
Vocational Transportation	$ 6,950.00
Expended Transportation	$ 6,949.80
Balance Vocational Transportation	.20

EXPENDITURES
Administration

Professional Salaries	$13,638.56	
Clerical Salaries	7,585.34	
Insurance	538.14	
H.E.C.	594.00	
School Committee Expense	25.00	$22,381.04

Special Education

Professional Salaries	$ 4,338.10	
Clerical Salaries	1,493.70	
Teachers' Salaries	46,657.26	
Teacher Aides	4,655.00	
Classroom Supplies	121.84	
Evaluation	7,649.63	
Tuition	3,824.00	
Transportation	3,938.00	
Other Expense	110.00	$72,787.53

Instruction

Salaries	$277,622.52	
Classroom Supplies	1,845.92	
Textbooks	868.20	$280,154.64

Other Expenses

Educational Reimbursement	$ 1,249.65	
Health Services	103.06	
Transportation	36,091.80	
Rental of Building	430.00	
Cafeteria	6,422.13	
Other Expense	343.32	$44,639.96

Maintenance

Salaries	$ 7,496.34	
Supplies	1,653.25	
Fuel	7,525.52	
Utilities	8,933.33	
Maintenance	2,978.39	$ 28,586.83
		$448,550.00
90-91 Encumbrances		1,347.64
Total Elementary Appropriations		$449,897.64

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

During the academic year for 1990-1991, 654 students were taught at Hampshire Regional Jr. Sr. High School by 49.2 full time teachers. The same number of students are being taught during the 1991-1992 academic year by 43.6 full time teachers. Home Economics has disappeared from our program. Across the full program, many students are in larger than advisable classes; more students than usual are denied access to desired classes. Without the support of the Athletic Booster Club, our Athletic program would have been seriously reduced.

The financing of our school during 1991 has been confusing to many. State receipts were less than usual, but higher than anticipated. Overrides passed in several of our towns. This generous response of the tax payer to their school greatly improved the program for the 1991-1992 year. Before the overrides, the School Committee had laid off nine tenured teachers and eleven untenured ones.

The School Committee accepted with regret, and with great appreciation for the many years of dedicated service, the resignations of Charles Buck, Paul Knight, and Janet McEacharn. These resignations, plus the successful override votes, allowed the Committee to rehire many of our teachers, until today we are short six people, rather than twenty.

After twenty years of leading our school, Mr. Joseph Zalot retired as Principal in June. We thank him again in this report for his dedication to the school and for his careful work that built it into a school we can all be proud of.

In July we welcomed Carolyn MacManus as the new Principal. We are happy to have her and we are interested in her ideas and directions for the school.

The Hampshire Regional budget has decreased for the past two years. Our teachers continue to respond to the needs of our students, but the program has been reduced and the opportunities for students are thereby reduced. The students, faculty, administration and School Committee are working together effectively in these hard times; our communities' support has made a difference and we thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Hampshire Regional School Committee

The student enrollment figures for the District recorded as of October 1, 1991 were as follows:

Grade	Chest	Gosh	South	West	Will	Total
7	20	6	58	23	18	125
8	13	6	71	20	28	138
9	10	9	48	19	28	114
10	7	5	48	9	10	75
11	11	9	46	15	12	93
12	9	6	41	23	24	103
HRHS	70	41	308	109	120	648

The following assessment percentages are listed for several years in order to illustrate the shifting of student population:

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Chesterfield	11.921%	12.221%	12.214%	11.539%	10.802
Goshen	6.732	7.004	6.260	6.769	6.327
Southampton	46.985	45.604	45.733	44.615	47.531
Westhampton	15.428	16.393	15.878	15.231	16.821
Williamsburg	18.934	18.778	20.195	21.846	18.519
	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.00%

Personnel who left the employ of the District in 1991 include:

Barbara Bergeron	Teacher
Gerald Bergeron	Teacher
Paul Bibeau	Teacher
Charles Buck	Teacher
Susan Flaccus	Adjustment Counselor
Thecia Hancewicz	Teacher
Christine Kirsche	Teacher
Paul Knight	Teacher
Janet McEacharn	Teacher
Laurie Mettey	Teacher
Samuel Scheer	Teacher
Janine Skorupski	Teacher
Joseph Zalot	Principal

Personnel newly employed during 1991 include:

Laurie Bedard	Psychologist
Harold Clancy	Teacher
Amy Illingsworth	Teacher
Sherrie Marti	Speech
Carolyn MacManus	Principal
James Murphy	Teacher

Based upon enrollment data recorded as of each October 1st, the six (6) cooperating school systems share the costs of employing a common superintendent of schools and a common central administrative office and staff. The following statistics show how the responsibility for these costs has varied over a three(3) year period:

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Chesterfield/ Goshen K-6	13.0%	13.9	13.4
Southampton K-6	27.4	27.7	27.1
Westhampton K-6	8.6	8.7	9.3
Williamsburg K-6	13.4	13.2	14.2
HRHS 7-12	37.6	36.5	36.0
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

I

BALANCE SHEET
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNE 30, 1991

ASSETS		LIABILITIES		
CASH	$197,208.86	BLUE CROSS INSURANCE		$6,041.80
ADMINISTRATIVE-PAYROLL	$9,544.54	MED. WEST PLAN		$76.24
		LIFE INSURANCE		$52.83
		WASHINGTON NAT'L INS		$90.88
		KAISER		$159.60
		WEST MASS HEALTH		$1,041.52
		PPO HEALTH		$1,117.04
		SURPLUS REVENUE -E & D		$74,084.66
		HAMPSHIRE CLASS		$2,996.53
		RAIDERS DIGEST		$250.00
		SSAP GRANT	140	$538.41
		PL 94-142 PRE SCH/EMP	157	$4,544.73
		COMPUTER SPED	158	$288.22
		PROJ IMPACT I	159	$865.00
		GOVENORS' ALL	163	$708.14
		SUMMER MATH	164	$2,877.80
		HPP3 PRE SCHOOL	165	$13,758.00
		PROJ IMPACT II	166	$1,372.16
		ADOLESCENT AUT	168	$1,731.96
		EMPL LOANS		$1,846.80
		CAFETERIA		$11,358.08
		L & D TEXTS		$661.35
		HOME ECONOMICS		$211.90
		ATHLETIC FUND		$1,211.07
		1000 ADMINSTRATION-901		$269.00
		2000 INSTRUCTION-901		$43,387.69
		3000 OTHER SERVICES-901		$3,280.48
		4000 MAINTENANCE-901		$10,560.51
		5000 MAINTENANCE-901		$20,000.00
		7000 NEW EQUIPMENT-901		$1,371.00
	$206,753.40			$206,753.40

II

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1991

ACCOUNT		BUDGETED JULY 1, 1990 JUNE 30, 1991	EXPENDED JULY 1, 1990 JUNE 30, 1991	ENCUMBERED PAYROLL & BILLS	BALANCE JUNE 30, 1991
1000	ADMINISTRATION	$143,246.00	$139,349.20	$269.00	$3,627.80
2000	INSTRUCTION	$2,379,142.00	$2,319,365.03	$43,387.69	$16,389.28
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	$407,223.00	$386,636.17	$3,280.48	$17,306.35
4000	OPERATION OF PLANT	$278,371.00	$280,369.71	$10,560.51	($12,559.22)
5000	FIXED CHARGES	$379,221.00	$367,877.71	$20,000.00	($8,656.71)
7000	NEW EQUIPMENT	$40,906.00	$22,836.25	$1,371.00	$16,698.75
9000	PROGRAMS W/OTHER DISTICTS	$94,830.00	$67,917.14		$26,912.86
		$3,722,939.00	$3,584,351.21	$78,868.68	$59,719.11

III

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1991

CASH ON HAND JULY 1, 1990		$415,484.20
RECEIPTS:		
ASSESSMENT REVENUE:		
CHESTERFIELD	$258,181.00	
GOSHEN	$132,325.00	
SOUTHAMPTON	$945,572.00	
WESTHAMPTON	$335,631.00	
WILLIAMSBURG	$442,103.00	
		$2,113,812.00
INTEREST EARNED:		$48,415.24

STATE & FEDERAL PAYMENTS
& PRIVATE GRANTS:

CH 70 SCHOOL AID	$478,676.00	
CH 71 REGIONAL AID	$682,968.00	
CH 71 TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSE'MT	$232,885.00	
CH 76 SPED TRANSP. REIMBURSE.MT	$4,257.00	
HAMPSHIRE CLASS	$30,500.00	
PERKINS VOC	$6,952.00	
PL94-142	$64,810.00	
GOVENORS ALLIANCE	$7,433.00	
PROJECT IMPACT I	$1,000.00	
PROJECT IMPACT II	$4,330.00	
HEC-SPED	$738.00	
MENTOR TRAINING	$4,838.00	
ADOLESCENT AUTISM	$6,000.00	
PRE SCHOOL & PARENTS HPP3	$29,396.00	
DOE TITLE II	$1,818.00	
SCHOOL COMPUTERS	$6,500.00	
SUMMER MATH	$3,900.00	
STATE WARDS	$8,309.00	
		$1,575,310.00

CAFETERIA REVOLVING FUND:

LUNCH RECEIPTS	$95,114.26	
STATE REIMBURSEMENTS	$2,756.28	
FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENTS	$10,578.09	
MEALS TAX	$292.62	
		$108,741.25

OTHER REVOLVING FUNDS:

ATHLETIC FUND	$1,058.87	
ADMIN. REVOLV. FUND	$210,171.32	
LOST & DAM'G TEXTS	$1,265.40	
CUSTODIAL OVERTIME FUND	$71.00	
SSAP	$469.00	
HOME EC	$278.41	
RAIDERS DIGEST	$250.00	
		$213,564.00

TEMPORARY LOAN:		$400,000.00
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:		
FEDERAL WITHOLDING TAX	$352,362.78	
STATE WITHOLDING TAX	$168,698.92	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT	$34,064.44	
MASS TEACHER'S RETIREMENT	$135,256.13	
ANNUITIES	$87,818.18	
BLUE CROSS/SHIELD	$83,190.00	
KAISER	$3,462.68	
MEDICAL WEST PLAN	$642.30	
AETNA INSURANCE	$735.36	
CREDIT UNION DEPOSITS/LOANS	$17,285.00	
WASHINGTON NAT'L INS.	$545.28	
UNITED WAY	$596.00	
MTA DUES	$17,785.32	
MMC TAX	$8,361.91	
WEST MASS HEALTH PLAN	$12,865.41	
EMPL LOANS	$14,148.20	
PPO HEALTH	$2,603.90	
		$940,421.81
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS:		
COPIES/RECORDS	$403.00	
TRANSCRIPTS	$249.00	
PAY TELEPHONE	$210.21	
TAILINGS	$1,956.66	
VANDALISM	$241.70	
GATE RECEIPTS / ACTIVITIES	$3,994.50	
WORKMAN'S COMP.	$3,726.07	
BUILDING USE	$98.00	
REFUNDS	$701.71	
MISC REC'T	$80.87	
TUITION	$2,073.00	
		$13,734.72
TOTAL RECEIPTS:		$5,413,999.02
TOTAL BALANCE & RECEIPTS:		$5,929,483.22

DISBURSEMENTS:

EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:

FEDERAL WITHOLDING TAX	$352,362.78
STATE WITHOLDING	$168,698.92
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT	$34,064.44
MASS TEACHER'S RETIREMENT	$135,256.13
ANNUITIES	$87,818.18
BLUE CROSS/SHIELD	$64,562.58
KAISER	$3,216.07
MEDICAL WEST PLAN	$617.88
AETNA INSURANCE	$714.40
CREDIT UNION DEPOSITS/LOANS	$17,285.00
WASHINGTON NAT'L INS	$545.28
UNITED WAY	$596.00
MTA DUES	$17,785.32
MMC TAX	$8,361.91
WEST MASS HEALTH PLAN	$12,017.13
EMPLOY LOANS	$14,148.20
PPO HEALTH	$1,848.06
	$919,898.28

TEMPORARY LOAN PAYMENT:	$600,000.00

PAYMENTS FROM GRANTS:

PL94-142	$51,651.60
PACTS	$1,200.00
HAMPSHIRE CLASS	$50,387.77
SSAP	$234.04
PROJ IMPACT I	$135.00
PROJ IMPACT II	$2,957.84
HEC-SPED	$738.00
SCHOOL COMPUTERS	$6,211.78
TITLE II	$5,000.00
MENTOR TRAINING	$4,838.00
DATA BASE	$3,389.00
VOC ED	$6,952.00
GOV ALLIANCE DRUGS	$6,724.86

ADOLESCENT AUTISM	$5,643.69	
PRE SCHOOLERS & PARENTS	$648.94	
DOE TITLE II	$2,695.94	
MTG MATH STDS	$1.90	
SUMMER MATH	$1,197.20	
HPPE EARLY CHILDHOOD	$15,638.00	
		$166,245.56

PAYMENTS FROM REVOLVING FUNDS:

CAFETERIA	$105,191.12	
CUSTODIAL OVERTIME	$71.00	
LOST & DAMAGED TEXTS	$648.85	
ADM REVOLV	$218,001.00	
TAILINGS	$1,489.00	
HOME EC	$199.15	
ATHLETIC FEES/BOOSTER FUND	$12,332.30	
		$337,932.42

MEALS TAX:	$292.62

OPERATING COSTS:

#1000 ADMINISTRATION	$139,349.20	
#2000 INSTRUCTION	$2,319,365.03	
#3000 OTHER SERVICES	$386,636.17	
#4000 MAINTENANCE	$280,369.71	
#5000 FIXED CHARGES	$367,877.71	
#7000 EQUIPMENT	$22,836.25	
#9000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	$44,384.80	
#1000 ADMINISTATION-901	$1,743.77	
#2000 INSTRUCTION-901	$40,020.73	
#3000 OTHER SERVICES-901	$2,922.11	
#4000 MAINTENANCE-901	$2,400.00	
		$3,607,905.48

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		$5,632,274.36
CASH ON HAND-JUNE 30, 1991:		$197,208.86
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & CASH-JUNE 30, 1991:		$5,829,483.22

IV

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS REVENUE
JULY 1, 1990-JUNE 30, 1991

GENERAL FUND SURPLUS:

SURPLUS REVENUE-EXCESS & DEFICIENCY:

OPENING BALANCE JULY 1, 1990	$156,203.88
TRANSFERRED TO ANTICIPATED REVENUE/RECEIPTS PER BUDGET PLAN.	($141,838.33)
TRANSFERRED FROM BUDGET SURPLUS PER BUDGET PLAN.	$59,719.11
CLOSING BALANCE JUNE 30, 1991	$74,084.66

BUDGET PLAN 1991/92

BEGINNING BALANCE	$74,084.66
INITIAL ARCHITECTURAL FEES FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT.	($15,000.00)
FORECASTED E & D BALANCE	$59,084.66

JAMES R FREEBOURN,TREASURER

SALARIES

Fiscal 1992

All figures are annual unless otherwise noted.

Elected Officials		
Board of Selectmen	Chairman	1200
	Others	1000
Board of Assessors	Chairman	1200
	Others	1000
Board of Health	Each	300
Town Clerk		1650 plus fees
Clerk, Bd. Registrars		60
Tax Collector		1650 plus fees
Treasurer		3000
Auditor		90
Moderator		150
School Committee	Chairman	180
	Others	150
Appointed Officials		
Accounting Officer		3000
Veterans Agent		550
Selectmen's Secretary		660
Assessor's Secretary		605
Wiring Inspector		15/inspection
Plumbing Inspector		10/inspection
Sanitation Inspector		15/inspection
Election workers		3.75/hour
Highway Department		
Grade 1A		10.53/hour
Grade 2		10.08/hour
Grade 3		9.24/hour
Superintendent		27560
Landfill		
Caretaker		6.00/hour
Operator		9.68/hour
Library		
Director		6.25/hour
Children's Librarian		5.50/hour
Town Hall		
Custodian		6.00/hour
Police Chief		825
Officers-Regular		7.50/hour
Court/HRHS		12.00/hour
Fire Chief		825
Cemetery Caretaker		2000

PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL 1993

Description	Actual Fiscal 1992	Proposed Fiscal 1993
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
COUNSEL FEES	8000.00	5000.00
MODERATOR	150.00	180.00
SELECTMEN SALARY	3200.00	3900.00
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	3000.00	3200.00
SELECTMEN SECRETARY	860.00	2500.00
AUDITOR SALARY	90.00	110.00
ACCTING OFF. SALARY	3000.00	5000.00
ACCTING OFF. EXPENSE	630.00	630.00
ASSESSOR SALARY	3200.00	3900.00
ASSESSOR EXPENSE	4140.00	8580.00
ASSESSOR SECRETARY	905.00	905.00
TREASURER SALARY	3000.00	5000.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	2110.00	2310.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	1650.00	2000.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENS	1400.00	1400.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	1650.00	2000.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	2700.00	2000.00
CLERK,BD REGISTRARS	60.00	75.00
CONSERVATION COMMISS	100.00	20.00
PLANNING BD EXPENSE	50.00	0.00
HIGHWAYS		
HIWAY ADMINISTRATION	2150.00	2150.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	68500.00	70500.00
HOLIDAY PAY	1649.00	1728.80
VACATION PAY	1649.00	2170.00
BRIDGES & RAILINGS	1.00	1000.00
HIGHWAY MATERIALS	36000.00	60000.00
ROAD MACHINERY	15000.00	16000.00
ROAD MACHINERY FUEL	9500.00	9500.00
SNOW REMOVAL	24000.00	24000.00
ROAD MACHINERY BLDGS	3100.00	2800.00
BACKHOE (ARTICLE)		50000.00
SANDER (ARTICLE)		6000.00
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES		
HRHS (ARTICLE)	332752.00	429039.00
VOCATIONAL(ARTICLE)	92997.00	125550.00
ELEMENTARY SCHL(ART)	462000.00	484000.00
SCHOOL COMM SALARY	480.00	625.00
LIBRARY	10914.00	12868.78

VETERANS		
VETERANS EXPENSE	100.00	100.00
VETERANS AGENT SALAR	550.00	650.00
MEMORIAL DAY	100.00	100.00
CEMETERIES		
CEMETERY SALARY	1.00	1600.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		
POLICE CHIEF	825.00	1200.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	15000.00	18345.00
CONSTABLE	1.00	1.00
FIRE CHIEF	825.00	1000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	7000.00	8200.00
FIRE VACCINE	0.00	3000.00
INSPECTOR SALARY	3300.00	3600.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	1.00	1.00
DOG OFFICER	150.00	150.00
DUTCH ELM	1.00	178.00
HEALTH & SANITATION		
HRMC (ARTICLE)	3866.00	3866.00
BD. OF HEALTH SALARY	900.00	1050.00
BD. HEALTH EXPENSE	15000.00	19010.00
DEBT & INTEREST		
INT SHORT TERM DEBT	2500.00	2500.00
UNCLASSIFIED		
STABILIZATION(ART)	18241.00	
INSURANCE & BONDS	52000.00	54500.00
TOWN OFFICES	9400.00	9750.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	900.00	815.00
RECREATION	0.00	0.00
HISTORICAL	200.00	200.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	13245.00	16165.00
UNEMPLOYMENT(ART)	10650.00	5400.00
GROUP INSURANCE	50000.00	50000.00
MEDICARE	4500.00	3000.00
LAND DAMAGE	10.00	1000.00
RESERVE FUND	2500.00	5000.00
	1312353.00	1557022.58

ARTICLES ON THE WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
April 18, 1992

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4: To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41 G.L. which requires that salaries of elected officials be fixed by vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hampshire Regional School District Agreement by voting to do the following:

Capital and operating costs shall be apportioned to the member towns on the basis of their respective pupil enrollments in the regional school. Each member town's share for each fiscal year shall be determined by computing the ratio which that town's average pupil enrollment in the regional district on October 1 of each of the five years next preceding the year for which the apportionment is determined bears to the total average pupil enrollment from all member towns in the regional district school regional district for the same five year period. In the event the enrollment in the regional district school has not been accomplished by October 1, of any year, capital and operating costs shall be apportioned on the basis of enrollment in grades seven through twelve of pupils residing in each member town and receiving education at such town's expense on October 1, of that year.

The moving average shall be computed for fiscal 1994 on the basis of the most recent two years, for fiscal 1995 on the basis of the most recent three years, for fiscal

1996 on the basis of the most recent four years and for fiscal 1997 and each year thereafter on the basis of the most recent five years.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money to meet Westhampton's share of Hampshire Regional School District's assessment for Fiscal 1993, or any lesser sum as may be certified by the District, provided that any such certification shall be made prior to the establishment of the tax rate, and to meet this appropriation, a sum of money be raised by taxation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the Elementary School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for Vocational expenses, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges in the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise a sum of money to hold in anticipation of unemployment benefits for Town employees in accordance with Chapter 151A of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the purchase of a snow plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for Westhampton's share of expenses of continued participation in the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative, or take any other action in relation thereto.

NOTE: This is a preliminary list of the articles for Annual Town meeting; it is subject to change and/or additions. The complete warrant will be posted at least seven days before the Annual Election, April 4th.

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.